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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the State Route 82 Widening Phase II project in the surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of North Royalton and is located at State Route 82 from Ridge Road to the Broadview Heights/City of North Royalton border North Royalton, Ohio 44133.

The funding is designated to help fill a funding gap on Phase II of widening State Route 82. Initially constructed as a rural two-lane road in the 1930's, Route 82 is now a major east-west thoroughfare for the growing suburban communities of southern Cuyahoga County. This funding seeks to widen the two-lane road.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit the communities of North Royalton, Strongsville, and Broadview Heights. As the area has grown in recent years, commuter car traffic has increasingly had to share Route 82 with large commercial trucks on the narrow two-lane road. By widening the road to include a turn lane, vehicles will no longer be forced to wait for a vehicle to turn across traffic, improving traffic flow and decreasing the chance of a rear-end collision. The widening of lanes decreases the likelihood of potential head on collisions between wide commercial vehicles and cars traveling opposite directions. Lastly, widening Route 82 will improve access to businesses from North Royalton to Interstate 77, increasing opportunities for economic development.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Anthony Gonzalez  
Member of Congress  
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